

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1957

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1956 -			
Males - 350,215	Females - 330,471	Persons - 680,686	
Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1956 -			
	Persons - 369,000		

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	372	496	5,082	5,145
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.43	8.72	7.51	7.81
Births - Number	1,127	1,235	16,919	16,623
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	19.47	21.71	24.99	25.23
Deaths - Number	358	414	5,571	5,379
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.18	7.28	8.23	8.17
Infant - Number	37	34	384	373
Mortality * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	32.83	27.53	22.70	22.44
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH				
Tuberculosis	5	3	44	33
Malignant neoplasms	60	68	795	761
Diabetes mellitus	2	8	60	63
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	-	12	16
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	36	59	659	664
Diseases of the heart	99	125	1,738	1,712
Hypertension with heart disease	9	10	140	145
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	8	75	72
Arteriosclerosis	12	8	158	142
Influenza	-	1	17	13
Pneumonia	14	4	228	179
Bronchitis	5	3	62	50
Other respiratory disease	4	4	81	62
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	3	32	29
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	-	14	19
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	7	9
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	3	31	21
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	9	79	67
Disease of the prostate	-	-	50	44
Maternal causes	2	2	9	14
Disease of early infancy	25	26	216	218
Motor vehicle accidents	14	12	189	195
Other accidents	14	12	225	211
Suicide	1	4	83	81
All other causes	42	41	567	559
Total:	358	414	5,571	5,379

\* Equivalent Annual Rate

\* Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1957, totalled 73,560 acres, a decrease of 19,924 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,142 acres, a decrease of 3,292.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,647,391	4,131,233	29,481,223	26,900,185
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 15. 9	6. 3. 1	43. 5. 10	40. 8. 10
Expenditure	4,633,367	3,851,416	32,986,982	29,452,834
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 15. 4	5. 14. 9	48. 8. 9	44. 5. 7

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of January, 1957, amounted to £61,000,573 or £89.1.0 per head of population as against £54,148,680 or £80.12.3 per head at the end of January, 1956.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the period ended 30th January, 1957, amounted to £16,969,335 compared with £15,904,775 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
Transfers	No.	1,271	1,192	9,721	11,299
	£.	1,951,683	1,624,850	14,103,567	16,207,131
Mortgages	No.	955	851	7,107	7,531
	£.	1,625,686	2,267,900	12,873,205	15,704,689
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	791	700	5,527	5,572

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
January, 1957	3,920,981	2,299,138	11,724,468	538,130
January, 1956	5,149,608	2,526,634	12,410,307	543,326
Seven months ended January, 1957	24,309,819	15,297,459	70,254,932	3,670,387
Seven months ended January, 1956	27,001,972	17,546,062	66,077,976	3,332,254



COMPANIES REGISTERED

116 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,614,500 and 51 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1957. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 123 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,339,000 and 53 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Seven Months ended JANUARY					
	1957			1956		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	56	128,365	130,054	37	63,285	23,120
Deeds of Assignment (a)	46	174,891	222,192	31	143,739	141,255
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	2	8,732	6,118

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

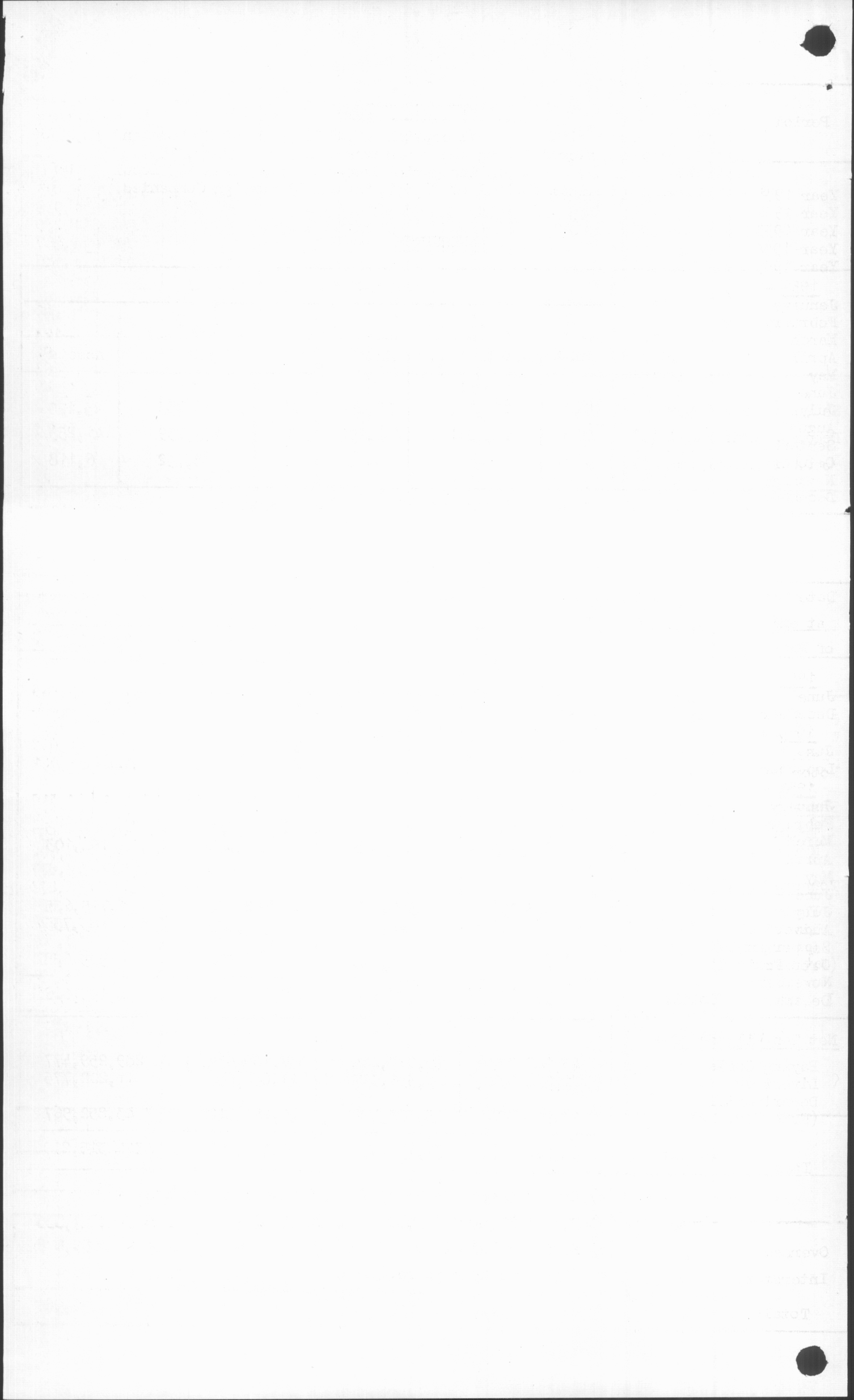
Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,041,800	1,098,400	7,320,067	6,507,700
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,304,523	1,227,639	8,020,274	7,522,427
Train Miles Run No.	614,956	705,150	4,359,406	4,157,991
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b)104,012	(b)109,396	(c)650,329	(c)693,774
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	988,120	893,334	6,494,371	5,927,243
Motor Bus No.	25,993	27,465	155,598	162,103
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	295,376	314,864	2,082,656	1,715,655
Livestock	9,089	10,272	89,595	83,755
Departmental (Free Freight)	37,434	52,994	342,572	395,658
Total:	341,899	378,130	2,514,823	2,195,068
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	43,142,257	49,077,284	337,109,634	289,259,477
Livestock	1,022,374	1,336,917	11,856,996	11,202,775
Departmental (Free Freight)	3,914,898	5,743,472	40,480,342	43,852,967
Total:	48,079,529	56,157,673	339,446,972	344,315,219

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 8th December.

(c) Period ended 8th December.

\* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS  
(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
1956 -								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	419	5	123
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94
May	395	173	2	47	649	434	6	63
June	274	137	2	29	491	311	5	49
July	364	173	1	39	637	376	3	63
August	546	203	1	49	933	422	8	75
September	459	128	4	43	804	329	11	79
October	476	144	1	76	846	404	4	105
November	474	141	7	71	864	390	9*	99
December	345	110	1	77	676	318	2	106

\* Amended.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
1955 -								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
1956 -								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	96,838	62,854	1,180	13,602
May	61,421	24,191	568	9,382	97,995	64,011	1,188	13,877
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
July	62,938	24,520	572	9,274	98,258	62,841	1,188	13,356
August	63,270	24,555	572	9,170	98,977	63,085	1,195	13,278
September	63,514	24,585	569	9,164	99,566	63,310	1,199	13,308
October	64,101	24,671	570	9,165	99,904	63,168	1,194	13,151
November	64,226	24,683	570	9,153	101,093	64,227	1,204	13,394
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)  
Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
	2,951	4,102	21,185	24,465	8,927	6,141	62,527	35,478
Interstate	8,644	6,107	48,563	43,270	4,764	3,143	20,951	20,611
Total:	11,595	10,209	69,748	67,735	13,691	9,284	83,478	56,089





BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956 -										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508
Sept. Qr.	354	1,041	1,091	3,122	23	177	249	2,145	1,717	6,485

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956 -										
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786	5,116
Sept. Qr.	693	2,393	6	19	580	1,342	2	2	1,281	3,756

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1956	1955
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	106,722	66,388	812,381	842,005
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,667,534	1,037,307	12,693,426	13,155,329
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	465,312	526,250	2,199,083	2,049,121

\* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	3017	2878	3004	2868	2690	2573	2655	2554
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3240	3082	3170	3049	2616	2563	2592	2536
Northam	3150	2916	3055	2924	2644	2516	2584	2508
Bunbury	3136	2978	3064	2958	2720	2589	2664	2569
Geraldton	3209	2984	3110	2964	2885	2771	2825	2702
Collie	3154	2996	3088	2976	2478	2382	2434	2365

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235	136,208	45,034	181,242
June	136,347	43,880	180,227	135,482	44,565	180,047
July	135,696	43,901	179,597	134,639	44,545	179,184
August	135,857	43,758	179,615	134,685	44,019	178,704
September	136,616	43,913	180,529	134,431	44,167	178,598
October	136,291	43,924	180,215	134,494	44,189	178,683
November	136,970	44,401	181,371	134,756	44,368	179,124
December	137,537	44,536	182,073	134,699	44,623	179,322

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100) )				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	237
June	211	220	230	239	235
July	211	221	230	237	233
August	212	221	230	238	232
September	211	223	232	240	233
October	212	224	233	240	234
November	213	227	234	242	234
December	213	227	233	242	235

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.





STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
25/1/57	13. 6. 3	8. 13. 1	13. 6. 5	8. 13. 2	13. 6. 7	8. 13. 3

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	45,565	42,552	315,900	297,041
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	41,641	38,168	286,727	266,035

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

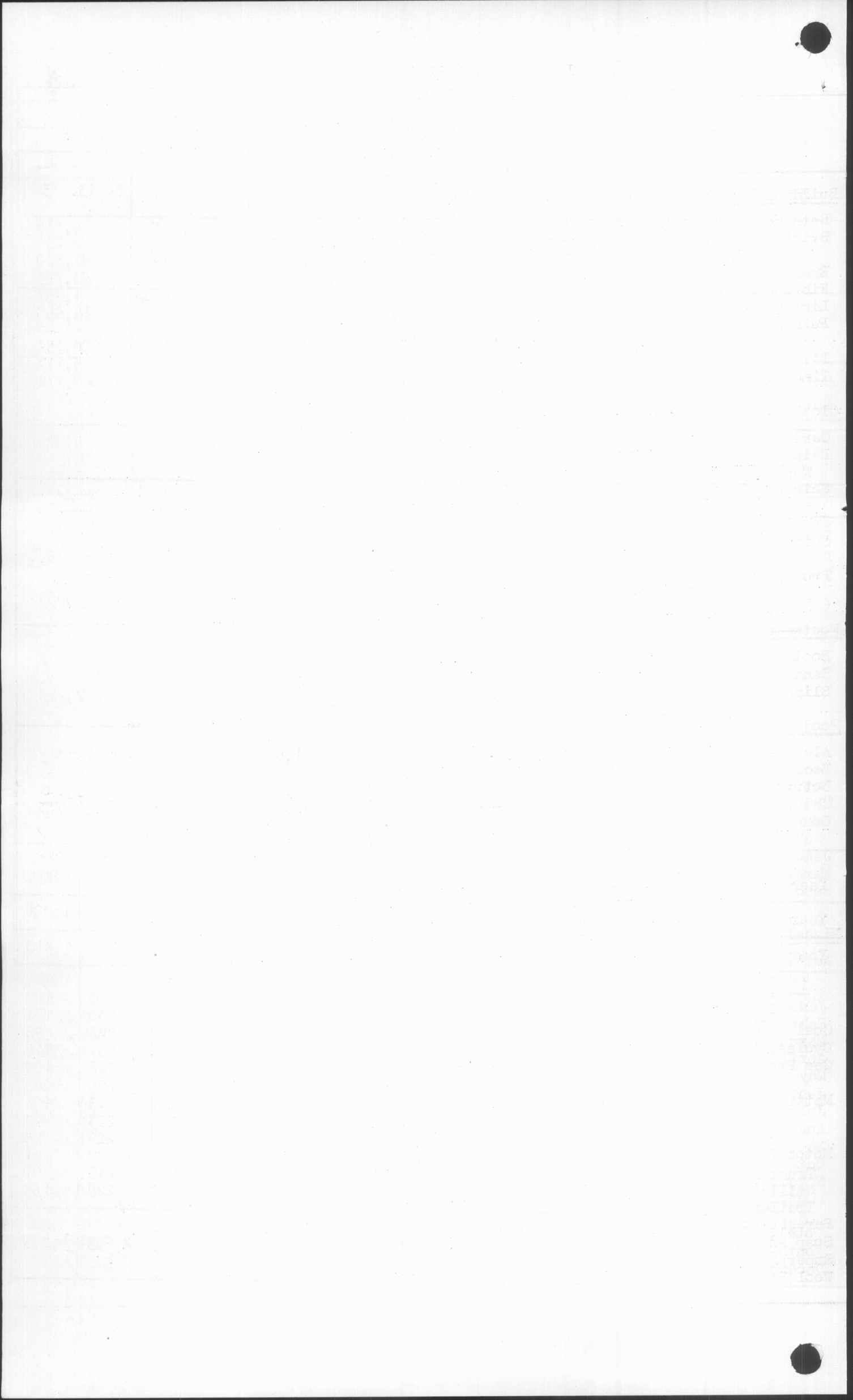
Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
December, 1956	7,107	302	104,686	13,707
December, 1955	8,890	435	121,223	13,465
6 Months ended December, 1956	67,180	2,465	809,316	75,717
6 Months ended December, 1955	66,705	2,276	840,492	85,315

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956 -										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	487	157	210	83	697	240	4	9	237	114
May	604	173	186	78	790	251	9	9	228	109
June	537	186	193	61	730	247	11	2	225	88
July	556	187	172	72	728	259	3	3	213	104
August	458	176	182	57	640	233	8	10	223	73
September	479	202	172	72	651	274	8	6	226	98
October	535	169	170	71	705	240	9	8	202	91
November *	411	175	166	64	577	239	14	4	216	91
December	495	208	180	100	675	308	8	8	228	135
Total, 12 Months ended December	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236

\* Revised.



## MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	196	430	3,131	4,519
Bricks - Cement	'000	48	182	1,169	2,291
- Clay	'000	5,847	5,047	50,500	57,582
Enamels	gal.	2,657	3,959	37,110	50,775
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	101	121	720	1,257
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,750	1,899	12,914	14,858
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex-					
cluding Water Paints	gal.	17,846	11,198	131,324	120,152
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	284	472	2,739	5,117
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)14,464	(a)16,680	(b)111,468	(b)118,172
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	471	518	4,867	5,081
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	578	42	3,277	3,735
Shirts (all types) Men's					
and Boys'	doz.	2,425	1,982	29,771	27,775
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	213	433	3,079	3,736
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	45	100	1,170	1,553
- 2 piece	no.	890	730	11,715	12,934
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,717	2,422	35,297	26,284
- Work	no.	7,218	5,899	90,055	57,933
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	17,113	15,372	199,342	185,882
Sandals	pair	10,056	8,286	140,039	123,532
Slippers	pair	17,635	17,735	232,242	217,295
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,786	1,816	10,181	10,713
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	604	612	4,468	4,630
Butter	'000 lb.	988	1,112	13,776	13,660
Cheese	'000 lb.	219	125	2,144	1,425
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	251	268	2,457	2,259
Jams	'000 lb.	9	42	275	423
Margarine	'000 lb.	102	57	846	688
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	41,294	33,616	446,363	527,411
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	914	618	4,885	3,882
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	87	99	810	899
- Nitric	cwt.	38	8	376	188
- Sulphuric	ton	13,196	15,039	94,942	101,081
Coal	ton	37,112	11,111	477,062	496,993
Cycles, Pedal	no.	315	373	3,968	4,595
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	104	102	869	872
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,636	1,555	13,858	13,106
- Woven Wire	no.	993	1,495	14,186	16,680
- Soft Filled	no.	2,745	2,572	21,210	23,623
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	26	42	276	453
Utilities (all types)	no.	1	12	7	143
Trailers (all types)	no.	6	13	83	126
Perambulators	no.	38	75	300	398
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,897	6,290	46,685	43,626
Superphosphates	ton	(a)30,928	(a)37,009	(b)220,880	(b)232,543
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	1,994	1,549	14,419	10,567

(a) December figures. January not available.

(b) Six months ended December.



The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. (£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	55.8
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1953	5.0	2.1	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	6.2	31.1	9.1
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
June Qtr.											
1953	5.3	2.1	3.5	3.3	6.7	2.5	1.4	1.3	6.3	32.4	9.8
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1953	5.4	2.2	3.5	3.3	6.1	2.4	1.5	1.5	6.8	32.7	10.4
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.7
1956	6.8	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.7	36.5	12.3
Dec. Qtr.											
1953	5.8	2.2	3.8	4.2	7.6	2.8	2.1	1.6	8.4	38.5	11.4
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	16.0

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.



